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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

Including the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - 1967

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1st November 1968.

To: The Chairman and Councillors of Shepton Mallet Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health of the Rural District for year 1967, prepared in accordance with the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, and Ministry of Health Circular 1/68.

Once again, the health figures give cause for satisfaction with a large increase of births over deaths (73), live birth, still birth, and death rates better than the County or National averages and no infant or maternal deaths.

Against this, there was a rise in the number of illegitimate births, and deaths from Coronary and Other Heart Diseases and Lung Cancer showed an increase. These latter deaths are particularly to be regretted in view of the strong association shown for some time to exist between ischaemic heart disease, lung cancer and heavy cigarette smoking.

From the Five-Year Table the usual 2 - yearly wave of Measles will be seen but there were no outbreaks of major notifiable diseases. A report is included of the work of the Mass Radiography Service in the area and it is unfortunate that, at the time of writing, the sessions in Shepton Mallet have had to be discontinued due to the lack of public support.

Animal infections and their possible spread to human contacts continued to take up much of the time of the public health staff, and at the Bath and West Show permanent site improvements were maintained in co-operation with the organisers.

In conclusion, may I express my sincere thanks to the Senior Public Health Inspector, Additional Public Health Inspectors and their staff for their continued co-operation and contribution to this Report - also to the Clerk, other Officers of the Council and Council Members for their courtesy and support.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

D. E. CLARE.

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District (in acres) ...	47,167
Estimated Population (mid-year 1967) ..	10,660
Number of inhabited houses ...	3,484
Rateable Value (at 31.12.67) ...	£305,469
Product of a Penny Rate (1967 - 68)...	£1,169

MAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1967

(with comparative figures for Somerset and England and Wales where available).

B I R T H S

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Shepton Mallet RDC</u>		<u>Somerset</u>	<u>England & Wales</u> (provisional)
				<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Corrected</u>		
Legitimate	87	70	157			8,458	
Illegitimate	8	11	19			583	
Totals	<u>95</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>176</u>			<u>9,041</u>	832,000
Rate per 1,000 population			16.5	18.0		17.7	17.2
(Area Births Comparability Factor 1.09)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate is			1.05				

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

(per cent of total live births) 10.8 6.45

STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	1	-	1				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
Totals	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>			123	12,500
Rate per 1,000 live and still births			6			13.42	14.8
<u>TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>177</u>			<u>9,164</u>	844,500

D E A T H S

TOTAL DEATHS (all ages)

	53	50	103			6,798	542,519
Rate per 1,000 population			9.7	9.0		10.1	11.2
(Area Deaths Comparability Factor 0.93)						(Corrected)	
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate is			0.81				

INFANT DEATHS (under 1 year)

Legitimate						113	
Illegitimate	Nil					<u>13</u>	
						<u>126</u>	15,267

			Shepton Mallet RDC		England
<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Recorded</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>& Wales</u>
			<u>Corrected</u>		(provisional)
<u>INFANT DEATHS (under 4 weeks)</u>					
Legitimate					
Illegitimate	Nil			75	10,436
(under 1 week)					
Legitimate					
Illegitimate	Nil			67	8,947
<u>INFANT MORTALITY RATES</u>					
Total Infant deaths per 1,000					
Total Live births				14.0	18.3
Legitimate Infant deaths per					
1,000 Legitimate Live births				13.36	
Illegitimate Infant deaths per					
1,000 illegitimate Live births				22.9	
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATES</u>					
(deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000					
total Live births				8.3	12.5
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>					
(deaths under 1 week per 1,000					
total live births				7.41	10.8
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>					
(Still births and deaths under					
1 week combined per 1,000 live					
and still births) 6				20.73	25.4
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)</u>					
Number of deaths				2	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births				0.22	

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1967 (as given by the
(Registrar-General)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total all ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	Age in years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 +
Tuberculosis,	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Respiratory	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Stomach	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm,	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Lung, Bronchus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Malignant and	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	1
Lymphatic Neoplasms	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	-
Diabetes	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vascular Lesions of	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Nervous System	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2
Coronary Disease,	M	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	5
Angina	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
Hypertension with	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Heart Disease	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Other Heart Disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
	F	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	9
Other Circulatory	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Disease	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Bronchitis	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Respiratory System	F	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach and	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Duodenum	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Other Defined and ill-	M	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4
Defined Diseases	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Motor Vehicle	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Accidents	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
All Other	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accidents	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total all	M	53	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	16	13	21
causes	F	50	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	7	13	27

CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD 1963 - 1967

WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR SOMERSET AND ENGLAND AND WALES

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
1 <u>Corrected Birth Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.C.	18.48	14.98	18.65	19.01	18.0
Somerset	18.15	16.86	16.76	17.86	17.7
England and Wales	18.2	18.4	18.0	17.7	17.2
2 <u>Corrected Death Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.C.	11.72	9.33	11.24	8.21	9.0
Somerset	11.23	10.62	10.18	10.37	10.1
England and Wales	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2
3 <u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>					
Shepton Mallet R.D.C.	16.95	13.9	22.2	16.3	-
Somerset	14.64	13.0	10.75	15.12	14.0
England and Wales	21.1	20.0	19.0	19.0	18.3

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (5 year period 1963 - 1967)

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Acute Influenzial Pneumonia	-	2	-	-	1
Acute Primary Pneumonia	-	3	2	-	-
Dysentery	10	-	-	3	-
Erysipelas	1	2	2	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	4	-	-	-
Measles	330	1	100	22	203
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	4	4	1	6
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	2	-	2	1	2
Tuberculosis - Non Respiratory	2	-	1	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	27	-	-	5
Total all causes	346	43	111	28	219

NOTES ON VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1967

(the figures are in general too small for much importance to be attached to them, but certain broad statements can be made).

Population

An increase of population of only 10 was estimated by the Registrar-General, but births exceeded deaths by 73.

Births

Live Births - totalled 8 less than in the previous year but the Corrected Birth Rate remained higher than the County or National rates. With 19 illegitimate live births as against 12 in 1966, the percentage of these rose to a figure well above the County average.

Still Births - fell to 1 only, giving a Still Birth Rate less than half that of Somerset or England & Wales.

Deaths

All ages - these rose by 9 compared with 1966, but even when adjusted by the Area Deaths Comparability Factor, the Corrected Death Rate obtained is decidedly better than the County or National rates.

Infant Deaths - it is a pleasure to record that there were none during the year. The Perinatal Mortality Rate remained the same as the Still Birth Rate.

Maternal Deaths - once again, no deaths resulted in women from the District from pregnancy, childbirth or abortion.

Causes of Death

Cardio-Vascular Diseases - again caused the greatest number of deaths in the District (55), and apart from one death, these were all over the age of 55 years. Coronary and Other Heart Diseases accounted for 38 deaths and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System for 12.

Cancer - took second place with 19 deaths, 4 more than in 1966. As regards sites of the cancer, Lymphatic and Other Malignant Neoplasms caused 12 deaths followed by Lung Cancer with 5 and Stomach Cancer 2 deaths.

Respiratory Diseases - caused 13 deaths, 6 more than in the previous year, and of these it will be seen that Pneumonia accounted for 5 deaths and Bronchitis 3.

Accidents - unfortunately caused 3 deaths of which 2 were involving a motor vehicle.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

From the Five-year Table it will be seen that there was the usual 2 - yearly wave of measles, which, it is hoped, will be largely eradicated in the future with the advent of mass measles vaccinations.

The 3 cases of tuberculosis reported were unrelated in time and locality - they were not new infections but breakdowns of old illnesses.

The 6 cases of scarlet fever were similarly scattered in time and locality in the District and no common factor could be found to account for them.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Sec.47) and AMENDMENT ACT, 1951

No cases requiring action under the provisions of these Acts occurred, but elderly persons living in borderline conditions in the District were visited from time to time.

MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959, Sec.20

During the summer notification was received of 2 farms in the District where *Brucella Abortus* had been isolated from the milk on animal inoculation. In each case, only a small amount of untreated milk was retailed locally, the bulk of the milk going to larger premises for heat treatment, and as the farmers agreed to give up their small retail distribution, formal heat treatment orders were not required.

ANNUAL RETURN OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATIONS

Salmonella panama infection was discovered in the terminal stages of illness of a man of 80 years admitted to a local hospital with a cardiac illness from an Old People's Welfare Scheme bungalow. No source of the infection was traceable at his bungalow and no other residents were affected, but he had only recently been admitted to the Scheme from very poor accommodation of his own.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY SERVICE

Visits were paid by the Mass Radiography Service at regular fortnightly intervals throughout the year to the Commercial Road Car Park for the benefit of general practitioner cases, and a one-day visit was paid to Messrs. C. & J. Clark's Factory, with results as follows. The number of general practitioner cases was 10.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number examined ...	326	265	591
Abnormalities detected	1	-	1
Suspected Abnormalities (no diagnosis received as yet)	2	-	2
<u>Details of abnormalities detected</u>			
Old Rib Fracture ...	1	-	1

IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

Figures of children immunised and/or vaccinated in 1967 cannot be given as, owing to the change to the computer system under which, it is hoped, all children will automatically be called to receive vaccinations and immunisations as they become due (unless a definite refusal is given), no records of immunisation and vaccination were kept for that year.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

(A) WATER SUPPLIES

1. Public Main Supplies

(the following information was kindly provided by the Bristol Waterworks Company).

(a) General The public supplies of water in the District were adequate. All raw water is chlorinated before being passed into the mains.

(b) Sampling

1. Chlorinated Water Number of samples taken .. 453
 Satisfactory .. 425

(the unsatisfactory samples were due to insufficient chlorine after heavy rain, except at Downhead which were due to chlorinator failure).

2. Untreated Water 167 samples of raw water were examined, many of which showed evidence of contamination, but not to the extent that the subsequent treatment by chlorination proved inoperative.

3. Chemical Analysis Numerous samples were taken for chemical analysis.

(c) Lead solvency The water supplies of the District are not known to have any dissolving effect on lead.

(d) Carrying out of works The Company have laid 2,135 yards of trunk main in the Parish of Stratton-on-the-Fosse, and 1,763 yards of tapping mains in the Parishes of East Pennard, Evercreech, Holcombe, Pylle and Stoke St. Michael.

(e) Natural Fluoride content of the Public Water Supplies The following figures have been supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company :-

Stoke Bottom	...	...	0.06 (average Fluoride p.p.m as F)
West Bradley	...	...	0.45
Three Ashes	...	...	0.20
Farncombe	...	...	0.16
Evercreech	...	...	0.10
Milton Clevedon..	...	...	0.15
Lydford (ex Wessex			
Water Board)..			0.22
Gurney Slade	...	...	0.05

2. Private Main Supplies

There are now no major private supplies in the District.

3. Individual Private Supplies

190 houses in the District (5.5%) are still supplied with water from individual wells or springs. 171 of these houses have the water laid on internally, and 19 rely on an external well or spring. In most cases these houses with individual private supplies are in out-lying areas where the main supplies are not available. Samples were taken from some of these private supplies, sampling being mainly concentrated on houses with an external well or spring. These samples gave the following results :-

Number taken ...	17
Satisfactory ...	8
Unsatisfactory...	9

4. Source of Supply to houses in the District

Table A on page 21 shows the nature of the supply to houses in each Parish. It will be seen that of 3,484 houses in the District, 3,229 (92.7%) have a piped supply of water, either from a public main or a private main. 169 (4.9%) have spring or well water laid on internally, and 19 (5.5%) of the houses have to rely on an outside well or spring. The majority of these 19 houses are unfit, and will be dealt with under Slum Clearance Procedure. 67 houses are still supplied by standpipe or an outside tap.

Table B on page 22 (Sanitary Facilities of Houses) shows that 3,144 houses in the District (90.2%) obtain their water supply direct from the public mains and 85 (2.4%) from private mains.

(B) SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

1. Sewerage Schemes

(a) There is no further progress to report on the proposed Evercreech (and Stoney Stratton) Sewerage scheme.

(b) Cranmore Tender of £48,855.15.8d, was accepted and work commenced on this scheme in August. (The total estimated cost was £56,015).

(c) Lydford (East and West) An outline scheme was produced by the Consulting Engineers at an estimated cost of £107,500 but modifications to the scheme were made which reduced the estimated cost to £86,500. The scheme was to be submitted to the Ministry, but at the end of the year it was agreed that the proposed disposal works be re-sited.

(d) Batcombe and Westcombe After considering a special report by the Medical Officer of Health and myself, the Council instructed the Consulting Engineers to prepare an outline scheme. Representations were also made by the Somerset River Authority regarding the urgency of the matter. The Council agreed that trade waste from the factory be accepted, subject to a suitable trade waste agreement. Site investigations by the Consulting Engineers at the factory were held up at the end of the year by the Foot & Mouth Disease restrictions.

(e) Alhampton, Parbrook and Binegar Further consideration of these three schemes was deferred in November for six months owing to the present commitments of the Council regarding schemes referred to previously.

2. Drainage of Existing Houses

Table B on page 22 shows the number of houses in the District drained to a public sewer at the end of 1967 as 1,617 (46.4%), an increase of 80 over the previous year. 1,483 houses (42.5%) are drained to cesspits or septic tanks and 384 houses (11%) have no drainage or have unsatisfactory drainage (22 less than in 1966).

(C) CLOSETS AND OTHER SANITARY FACILITIES

Table B on page 22 shows that 3,082 (88.5%) have a water closet. Ten houses (.3%) have shared closets, 363 houses (10.4%) have a pail or chemical closet, and 29 houses (.8%) have a privy closet. The Table also shows that 144 houses in the District (4.1%) have no sink and 845 houses (24.3%) have no bath.

(D) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL / SALVAGE

1. Refuse Collection The Council's Shelvoke and Drewry Fore and Aft 18 cub.yd. Refuse lorry completed its fifth year of service. The crew continued to give satisfactory service. The fortnightly collection for each Parish continued. The Council accepted in principle my report on an extended and improved system of collection and asked for further information regarding costs of alternative systems.
2. Disposal The tip at Moorwood, Ashwick, continued in operation and was kept in a reasonably satisfactory condition by the refuse lorry crew. Investigations were commenced regarding a new tip including consultations with adjoining Authorities.
3. Salvage 13 tons. 5 cwts. 3 qrs. of scrap metal was despatched to the Dealers during the year, and the Council received £39.

(E) GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

1. Smoke Abatement No action was taken during the year.
2. Caravans Three new licences were issued in respect of sites for individual caravans. At the end of the year, seventeen licences were in force for sites for individual caravans and one licence was in force for a caravan camp of twenty caravans, and one for three caravans. At the end of the year the Council authorised proceedings to be taken against the occupier of the caravan camp in respect of various contraventions of the Conditions of the Licence.

3. Rag Flock There are no premises in the District in which rag flock is manufactured or sold.
4. Agricultural (Health) Act, 1956 No inspections were carried out in 1967.
5. Rats and Mice Fifty-seven complaints were received of infestation of rats. Advice was given in respect of 20 cases of mice infestation. The Council's Part-time Rodent Operator continued routine inspection of houses for rats and the Council's sewers at Croscombe, Ditchat, Doultling, Evercreech, Gurney Slade, Holcombe, Oakhill, Pilton, Stoke St. Michael and Stratton-on-the-Fosse, were tested and treated where necessary. It was again necessary to treat the stream at Croscombe. One hundred and one premises were treated for the destruction of rats, and 68 treatments of the Council's sewage works and refuse tip were also carried out. At the end of the year the Council were regularly treating nine farms by agreement.
6. Insect Pests Four wasps nests were destroyed, and treatment was given for flies and other insects.
7. Factories Table H on page 25 shows the position with regard to Factories. At the end of the year there were 17 Outworkers on the Council list, mainly employed in the Gloving industry.
8. Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1964 There were thirty-three premises registered at the end of the year, in which 158 persons were employed. Thirty-one premises were inspected during the year and defects found were required to be remedied by informal notice.
9. Swill Plants The powers with respect to the Licensing of Swill Plants under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957, were delegated to the Council in 1958 by the County Council. There is one licence in force.
10. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963 Four licences were renewed during the year on the advice of the Council's Consultant Veterinary Officers.
11. Atmospheric Pollution During the year an Advisory Committee was formed with representatives of this Council, Frome R.D.C, and the Owners of Quarries in the area, with a view to improving conditions respecting the emission of dust from Quarry plants. H.M. Alkali Inspectorate is also represented on the Committee and at the end of the year a meeting of H.M. Alkali Inspector, technical representatives of the two Council's and representatives of the East Mendip Quarry Owners Association was held at which considerable progress was made in producing a standard code to assist in control measures. Some improvements to dust emissions from a Lime works was achieved.

12. Complaints During the year 69 complaints were received, made up as follows :-

General Housing matters	..	3
Drainage/sewage disposal	..	10
Rats and mice	..	45
Insect pests	..	11

13. Notices Eight Informal Notices were served during the year.

(F) PRIVATE HOUSES

1. Slum Clearance The number of houses ascertained by the comprehensive Housing Survey in 1955 was 326, and at the end of 1967, this number had been reduced to 54, of which only 20 are considered to be re-housing cases, (see Table D, on page 23).
2. Improvement Grants No applications for Discretionary Grants were approved during the year. Twenty-five applications for Standard Grants were approved. Table H on page 25 shows that schemes for the improvement of 22 houses were completed during the year, of this number 14 were for owner/occupiers and 8 for tenanted houses.
3. Private houses erected Thirty-nine houses were erected by private enterprise during the year.
4. Overcrowding No cases were discovered during the year.
5. Rent Act, 1957 No application for a certificate of disrepair was received during the year.

(G) COUNCIL HOUSES

1. Applications for houses At the end of the year there were 139 applications on the Council's Housing list, a decrease of 32 during the year. Of this total only 65 cases were considered to have established a housing need, and these applications consisted of 28 for houses and 37 for Old Peoples' Bungalows. During the year 22 houses and 6 bungalows were re-let when becoming vacant. Four houses were erected and occupied. Three bungalows were erected and occupied. Details of applications etc, are given in Table E on page 23.
2. Building Programme At the end of the year, the position was as follows:-

(A) <u>Dwellings</u> . Houses in course of erection	. 8 (Evercreech)
Bungalows	.... 14 (Croscombe, Evercreech, and Stratton-on-the-Fosse).
Bungalows completed	.... 3 (Pyll).
Houses completed	.... 4 (Lydford).
Shortly to be commenced	.... 10 dwellings (Ditcheat).

1968 Programme - 4 houses, 4 flats, 20 bungalows.

(B) <u>Garages</u>	Completed	...	13 (Pilton).
	Proposed	...	29

(Note : provision of garages is also made in the housing scheme at Ditchheat).

(H) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Only the registration of Dairies and Distributors is carried out by the Council and of these premises three are registered. All sampling of milk is carried out by the County Council.
2. Ice-Cream Two new premises were registered for storage and sale. There are no premises in the District where ice-cream is manufactured.
3. Food Shop Byelaws Byelaws made under Section 15 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1938, came into operation in the Rural District in July 1950. Informal action was taken in some cases and this achieved the necessary results.
4. Food Premises Generally Table F (Analysis of Food Premises) on page 24 shows the number of Food Premises in the District.
5. Slaughterhouse The Slaughterhouse at Pylle continued in use during the year. Killing figures were as follows :-

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Total</u>
608	6,974	1,490	1,253	10,325

Owing to defects in cleanliness and supervision, the Council resolved that they could not renew the licence when it expired on 31st December 1967.
6. Slaughtermen Seven slaughtermen were licensed by the Council under the Slaughter of Animals Acts.
7. Meat Inspection Full inspection of meat was carried out and Tables K and L on pages 28 and 29 show the amount of meat condemned for various reasons. There were two cases of Cysticercus Bovis in cattle (the larval stage of the human tape worm). Assistance in meat inspection was again given to Street U.D.C on occasions when their inspector was away.
8. Other Foods Condemned Six items of food, (12 lbs), were condemned by way of voluntary surrender. In most cases Proprietors dispose of unsound food without asking for Condemnation Certificates.
9. Disposal of Condemned Food Meat is disposed of to approved fertilizer manufacturers and other foods are buried, when necessary, on the refuse tip.

(I) SWIMMING BATHS

There is one swimming pool at Downside College, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, used only by scholars. Water is from the main, automatically chlorinated.

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TABLE A - ANALYSIS OF WATER SUPPLIED TO HOUSES
EITHER OCCUPIED OR CAPABLE OF BEING
OCCUPIED

Parish	Number of houses		Number of houses having piped water supply into or on to houses		Number of houses supplied by stand-pipe		Number of houses with wells, springs, etc, laid on internally		Number of houses with external supply from well or spring	
	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967	1966	1967
Ashwick	352	356	339	344	8	7	4	4	1	1
Batcombe	141	142	101	102	1	1	39	39	-	-
Binegar	84	85	82	83	1	1	1	1	-	-
Bradley, West.	85	85	85	85	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cranmore	139	141	117	119	10	10	11	11	1	1
Croscombe	218	224	205	211	7	7	6	6	-	-
Ditcheat	210	213	205	208	4	4	1	1	-	-
Doulting	191	191	173	173	10	10	5	5	3	3
Downhead	35	35	25	25	2	2	8	8	-	-
Emborough	47	47	45	45	-	-	2	2	-	-
Evercreech	518	525	489	496	7	7	22	22	-	-
Holcombe	238	243	234	239	3	3	1	1	-	-
Lamyat	47	47	38	38	-	-	7	7	2	2
Lydford	128	132	121	125	-	-	6	6	1	1
Milton Clevedon	32	32	24	24	-	-	8	8	-	-
Pennard, East.	122	122	102	104	-	-	14	13	6	5
Pilton	274	275	256	257	3	3	15	15	-	-
Pylle	54	60	49	55	-	-	4	4	1	1
Stoke St. Michael	233	237	220	225	5	5	6	5	2	2
Stratton-on-the-Fosse	290	292	269	271	7	7	11	11	3	3
Total	3438	3484	3179	3229	68	67	171	169	20	19

TABLE B - SANITARY FACILITIES OF HOUSES

Total houses in District (but not including void houses controlled by Undertakings of Closing Orders)	1966		1967	
	3,438		3,484	
(1) <u>Water Supply</u>				
(a) <u>internal supply</u>				
Houses with public main water	3026	88.03%	3098	88.92%
Houses with private main water	107	3.11%	85	2.44%
Houses with well, spring, etc, piped to house	171	4.97%	169	4.85%
Total houses with internal supply	3304	96.11%	3352	96.21%
(b) <u>external supply (individual)</u>				
From public main	46	1.34%	46	1.32%
Wells, springs, etc.	20	.58%	19	.55%
Total houses with individual external supply	66	1.92%	65	1.87%
(c) <u>no individual supply</u>				
From standpipe on public main	67	1.95%	66	1.9%
From standpipe on private main	1	.02%	1	.02%
Total houses with no individual supply	68	1.97%	67	1.92%
(2) <u>Closets</u>				
Houses with own water closet	3013	87.64%	3082	88.46%
Houses with shared water closet	10	.29%	10	.29%
Houses with own pail or chemical closet	385	11.19%	363	10.42%
Houses with privy	30	.88%	29	.83%
(3) <u>Drainage</u>				
Houses drained to public sewer	1537	44.71%	1617	46.41%
Houses drained to satisfactory cesspit or septic tank	1495	43.49%	1483	42.57%
Houses with unsatisfactory or no drainage	406	11.8%	384	11.02%
(4) <u>Other sanitary appliances</u>				
Houses with no sink	147	4.3%	144	4.13%
Houses with no bath	870	25.3%	845	24.25%

TABLE C - CONDITION OF HOUSES (FITNESS)

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Total houses in District (not including void houses controlled by Undertakings or Closing Orders)	3,438	3,484
Houses unfit and not repairable at reasonable expense.	54	54
Houses in need of major repairs	111	105
Houses in need of minor repairs	410	403
Houses with some Public Health defect(s), mainly dampness or drainage.	440	429
Pre-war private houses fit in all respects	1,450	1,475
Post-war private houses	316	355
Council Houses	657	663

TABLE D - UNFIT HOUSES

Total houses classified as unfit as result of 1955 survey - 326
December 1967

Houses void and under consideration	...	6
Houses occupied by old people who do not wish to be disturbed	...	26
Other houses which will be subject to Demolition or Closing by Housing Act procedure	...	22
		<u>Total 54</u>

TABLE E - COUNCIL HOUSES

Applications

(a) Total applications (including old people)

On list at 1st January 1967	...	171
On list at 31st December 1967	...	139

(b) Of total number, reasonable cases only Families Old People Total

On list at 1st January 1967	...	42	44	86
On list at 31st December 1967	...	28	37	65

In addition to the 37 old people applying for bungalows at 31st December 1967, 24 old people occupying Council houses had applied for rehousing in a bungalow.

TABLE F - ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES

Business	Complying with Regulation 16	Regulation 19	
		Applic- able	Com- plying
Butchers only	1	1	1
Butchers and Sausage Manufacturers	5	5	5
Public Houses Only	24	24	24
Public House and Restaurant	4	4	4
Public House and Ice-Cream Dealer	5	5	5
Public House, Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	2	2	2
Grocers and Greengrocers	14	14	14
Grocers and Ice-Cream Dealers	29	29	29
Bakehouse Only	2	2	2
Confectioner Only	1	-	-
Confectioner and Ice-Cream Dealer	4	-	-
Restaurant and Ice-Cream Dealer	1	1	1
Restaurant and Canteen	4	4	4
Ice-Cream Dealer Only	1	1	1
Food Factory	4	4	4
Food Factory and Canteen	1	1	1
Wet and Fried Fish	1	1	1
Totals	103	98	98

TABLE G - PREMISES REGISTERED OR LICENSED
AS FOOD PREMISES, etc.

47 premises registered for the sale of Ice-cream. No premises registered for manufacture.

5 premises registered for the manufacture of sausages.

TABLE H - FACTORIES

INSPECTION

	Number on Register	Number of		
		Ins- pections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
1 Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority (Non-power Factories)	1	-	-	-
2 Factories not included in 1 above in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Power Factories)	36	5	-	-
3 Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers premises)	-	-	-	-
	37	5	-	-

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Defects	Number of cases where defects found			Number of prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To HM Insp.		By HM Insp.
Lack of cleanliness. Sec.1.				
Overcrowding. Sec.2.				
Unsatisfactory temperature Sec.3.				
Ventilation. Sec. 4.				
Ineffective drainage of floors Sec.6.		N	I	L
Sanitary Conveniences. Sec.7.				
(a) insufficient				
(b) unsuitable or defective				
(c) not separate for sexes				
Other offences (not including Outworkers)				

TABLE I - VISITS

						<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
1	Dwelling houses - Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	15	6
2	Dwelling houses - Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	241	103
3	Improvement Grants	...	...	...	...	109	158
4	Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	-	-
5	Council Houses	...	...	...	...	1071	2115
6	Water supplies	...	...	...	...	88	53
7	Drainage and sewage disposal	...	...	...	...	191	234
8	Infectious diseases...	...	...	...	...	13	22
9	Atmospheric pollution	...	...	...	...	12	8
10	Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...	...	60	48
11	Rats and mice suppression (By Rodent Operators)...	...	...	...	...	1675	1581
12	Rats mice and other vermin (By P.H. Inspectors)...	...	...	...	...	21	43
13	Stables and piggeries	...	...	...	...	-	-
14	Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	28	26
15	Factories and workshops	...	...	...	...	16	5
16	Meat inspection and slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	449	463
17	Other food inspection	...	...	...	...	2	4
18	Butchers	...	...	...	...	11	9
19	Ice-cream dealers	...	...	...	...	16	49
20	Dairies and milk distributors	...	...	...	...	-	-
21	Public Houses	...	...	...	...	29	12
22	Canteens and restaurants...	...	...	...	...	5	65
23	Other Food premises...	...	...	...	...	65	15
24	Interviews	...	...	...	...	75	64
25	Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	308	204

TABLE J - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Number of Grants Approved	Applications	Houses
Up to December 1966	177	186
During 1967	Nil	Nil

Schemes Completed	O/O	Tenant	Total	Previous Cat.of houses				
				Un-fit	Maj-or Rps	Min-or Rps	Fit	Non-Domes-tic
Up to December 1966	81	87	168	44	40	60	19	5
During 1967	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total	82	87	169	44	40	60	19	6

STANDARD GRANTS

Number approved	
Up to December 1966	147
During 1967	25
Total	172

Schemes Completed	O/O	Tenant	Total	Previous Cat.of houses				
				Un-Fit	Maj-or Rps	Min-or Rps	Fit	Non-domes-tic
Up to December 1966	59	58	117	6	43	38	30	-
During 1967	13	8	21	-	1	15	5	-
Total	72	66	138	6	44	53	35	-

TABLE K - MEAT AND OFFAL CONDEMNED 1967

1 Whole carcasses and offal condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Bruising	-	-	1	2	-	3
Fevered / Ill bled	-	-	32	1	21	54
Immaturity	-	-	4	-	-	4
Jaundice	-	-	3	1	1	5
Miscellaneous Conditions	-	-	7	10	37	54
Miscellaneous Diseases	-	-	-	-	2	2
Moribund	-	-	1	-	2	3
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	-	-	-	-	2	2
Pyæmia	-	-	4	1	10	15
Septicæmia	1	-	30	3	48	82
Totals	1	-	82	18	123	224

2 Part carcasses condemned

Reason	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Abscess	7	-	-	2	13	22
Arthritis	-	-	-	-	6	6
Bruising	4	5	18	3	33	63
Miscellaneous Conditions	-	-	4	-	2	6
Oedema	-	-	1	1	1	3
Pleurisy / Peritonitis	-	1	1	-	2	4
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	3	3
Totals	11	6	24	6	60	107

3 Offal condemned

2,293 items of edible offal were condemned.

4 Total animals killed and inspected

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
578	30	6,974	1,253	1,490	10,325

TABLE L

MEAT INSPECTION 1967

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and lambs	Pigs
Number killed and inspected	578	30	6974	1253	1490
(a) <u>Meat and offal condemned for tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Percentage of animals affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.2
(b) <u>Meat and offal condemned for cysticercus bovis</u>					
Generalised carcasses totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted for treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-
Part carcasses or organs condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcasses affected with cysticercus bovis but condemned for other reason	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of animals affected with cysticercus bovis	.34	-	-	-	-
(c) <u>All other diseases</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	82	18	123
Part carcasses or organs condemned	199	18	655	276	381
Percentage of animals affected	34.6	6	10.6	23.5	33.8
(d) <u>Weight of meat and offal condemned (in lbs), for</u>					
Tuberculosis	-	-1	-	-	42
Cysticercus Bovis	126	-	-	-	-
Other diseases	2153	503	5854	1513	12047
<u>Total weights condemned</u>					
Cysticercus Bovis ..		1 cwt. 14 lbs.			
Other Diseases ..		9 tons.17 cwts.6 lbs.			

